

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 92-556-C - ORDER NO. 93-422 ✓
MAY 12, 1993

IN RE: Proceeding to Consider the Application) ORDER
of Directory Assistance Charges to) GRANTING
Customer-Owned Pay Telephones.) REQUEST

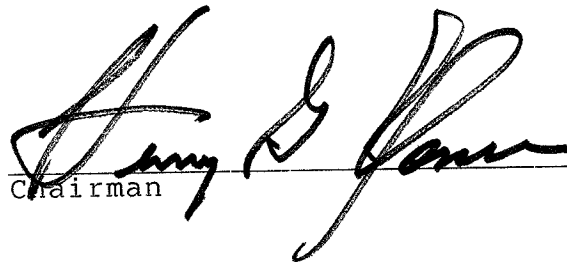
On February 17, 1993, the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) issued Order No. 93-150 in this Docket, which allowed local exchange carriers (LECs) to charge Customer Owned Coin Operated Telephone (COCOT) providers either 25¢ or 10¢ per Directory Assistance call. The Order also allowed COCOTs to charge their end-users the same fees.

On March 8, 1993, the Commission issued Order No. 93-216 in this Docket, which established June 1, 1993 as the effective date for Order No. 93-150.

On April 22, 1993, United Telephone Company of the Carolinas (United) sent letters to all COCOT providers located in its service area, advising them that United would not be charging them for Directory Assistance charges. The letters stated that United could not at the present time, bill COCOTs for Directory Assistance charges as approved by the Commission. We hold that these letters constitute requests by United to waive the provisions of Order Nos. 93-150 and 93-216. The Commission grants

these requests, however, the Commission, would caution the COCOT providers in United's territory not to bill end-users for Directory Assistance, since United will not be charging them for Directory Assistance. The Commission further directs that this Order be mailed to all COCOT providers in United Telephone's service territory. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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